

MINUTES

UNAPPROVED

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

May 19, 2008

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, Mary Lou Stamp.

In Attendance: Frank Montagna, Richard Wilson, Susan Puzycki, Suzanne Lewis

Also in attendance: Gerardo Sorkin, Director of Community Services & Recreation

Absent: Al Centone, Joe Cappucci

Mary Lou Stamp noted some corrections to the minutes of the March 17, 2008 meeting: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., not 6:30 p.m.

The minutes did not include the discussion initiated by Richard Wilson asking to look into repairs needed at some of the town parks.

Mary Lou Stamp made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Susan Puzycki. All were in favor.

Public Participation: Aaron Smith, North Haven Post, asked if there were any new developments with the fields at the high school. Mary Lou Stamp explained that the fields were controlled by the Board of Education and that the School Building Committee should be contacted to get an update about the fields.

Correspondence – None

Director of Community Services & Recreation Report – Gerardo Sorkin presented the following:

The Fishing Derby at Sinoway Pond on May 3rd was a huge success with more than 200 kids registered. It was an activity for the whole family and everyone had a good time. Special thanks to the following sponsors: McDonald's, Dunkin Donuts, Scotty's Breakfast Connection, Dairy Queen, Double J Sound, Uncle B's Bait & Tackle, J Roos, Antonio's Sub Shop, Uncle Louis G's Ice Cream & Italian Ice, Hollywood Video, Olde World Pizza, EFI, Barnick's Truck & Equipment, and the North Haven Public Works Department & Union.

The annual Kidfest celebration will take place on Saturday, May 24th following the Memorial Day Parade. There will be a moon bouncer, food, entertainment, pony rides, a petting zoo, and various youth groups set up around the Town Green doing face painting, obstacle courses and selling popcorn. The 2008 Kidpride Youth Service Awards will be presented to five individuals. A special thanks to Mark and Mary Minotti for coordinating the entertainment portion of the event. A special thanks to John and Patty McKnight of McDonald's for co-sponsoring the event again this year.

It was noted that the Town and the business community form an ideal partnership when these activities take place.

It was also noted that the raindate for the parade is May 31st.

Summer registration has begun for both recreation and pool programs. The number of activities is amazing and continues to grow. We hire part-time staff to carry out these activities.

Summer programs will be starting soon. Day Camp, Playgrounds, and Little Rec'ers will run from June 30th through August 1st. There is also a variety of sports' camps being offered as well as swim lessons.

Music Under the Stars 2008 will begin on Tuesday, June 24th and conclude on Tuesday, August 5. The concerts listed below will take place on the Town Green at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 24	Vinnie Carr and the Party Band	Pop Sound
Tuesday, July 1	Bennie and The Jets	Elton John Tribute
Tuesday, July 8	Big Shot – Billy Joel Tribute	Pop Sound
Tuesday, July 15	Beginnings – Tribute to Chicago	Classic Pop/Rock
Tuesday, July 22	Parrot Beach – Jimmy Buffet Tribute	Island Party Music
Tuesday, July 29	The Jumpers Orchestra	Swing/Jazz
Tuesday, August 5	The Classics	50's – 60's

The adult softball league has begun with 32 teams registered. League play will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday with makeup games scheduled on Tuesday. The season will conclude at the end of July, weather permitting.

Robert Kalm, Interim Director of Public Works was unable to attend the meeting. It was suggested that if he could not attend, a written report should be submitted. Gerardo Sorkin would ask that he submit a report to be attached to the minutes when distributed. It was explained that he had just started as Interim Director of Public Works with the departure of Richard Branigan. He had previously served as Public Works Director in Greenwich and would be working in North Haven until a permanent director was hired.

Old Business: It was suggested that there should be a follow up on the repairs at the town parks that Richard Wilson had asked about at the previous meeting. Robert Kalm would be contacted to look into these issues. It was noted that the fields were in good condition.

New business: Mary Lou Stamp stated that she had received requests from the North Haven Soccer Club for \$2000 for equipment, and from the North Haven Girls' Softball League for \$2500 for equipment and uniforms. There are currently 621 children participating on the Soccer Club teams and 370 girls playing in the softball league. These amounts had been allocated last year and are line items in the budget.

A motion was made by Frank Montagna to allocate \$2000 to the North Haven Soccer Club and \$2500 to the North Haven Girls' Softball League, seconded by Susan Puzycki. All were in favor.

Mary Lou Stamp noted that the next meeting would not be until September 15th. If there was an emergency that needed to be addressed, a special meeting could be called. She also explained that she would be attending the Open Space Committee meetings. She felt that any recommendations from the committee would not be addressed until after the budget passed.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Suzanne Lewis to adjourn, seconded by Richard Wilson. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.